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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 20040126.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because (1) It includes the legal phraseology "said" in lines 8 and 10. (2) The abstract is not written in single paragraph form. (3) The first paragraph of the abstract is written in claim format, i.e. is written as a run-on sentence. (4) The term "resistant" in line 11 is unclear, i.e. "resistant" to what? Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: (1) Throughout the specification, the term "resistant" is unclear in meaning, i.e. "resistant" to what? It would appear that the intended meaning is that the tray is extremely strong or has great strength rather than being resistant to something. (2) On page 6, lines 1 and 2 of the specification, "an reinforcement element" is grammatically unclear. (3) Throughout the specification, it is unclear which of the elements "2" and "3" shown in the drawings constitute the "sides" and the "headers". On page 4, next to last line, the sides are defined as "2" and the headers as "3". However, the remaining portion of the specification defines the headers as "2" and the sides as "3".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The following each lack antecedent basis in the claims, i.e. each is only inferentially set forth: claim 1, lines 6-8, "its corners" and "the inner area", claim 2, "the lower corners", "the top

part" and "the same", claim 3, "the outer part", claim 4, "the corners" and "the inner area" and claim 8, "the side", "the hypotenuse" and "the triangle".

The following are each unclear with respect to the previous element(s) referred to in the claims: claim 1, line 6, "its" and claim 2, "the same".

In claim 4, line 2, "additional folding lines" is unclear in that no initial folding lines were previously set forth, i.e. additional implies that other folding lines were previously set forth. Note is made that claim 4 is dependent upon claim 1 rather than claim 2.

In claim 7, "reinforcement element" is a double inclusion of an element insofar as the element is being reintroduced into the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-4, 8 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Simone (UK '083). With respect to claim 8, note is made that the hypotenuse of the triangular corner reinforcements in Simone each comprise two folding lines at the side edges. Simone is considered to clearly anticipate the other claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 5-7 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The remaining cited prior art is illustrative of the general state of the art.

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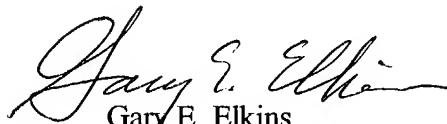
If in receiving this Office Action, it is apparent that certain documents are missing, e.g. copies of references cited, form PTO-892, etc., requests for copies of such papers should be directed to Errica Bembry at (703)306-4005.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist at (703)308-1078.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the Examiner should be directed to Gary Elkins at telephone number (703)308-1034. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday.

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If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Mr. Lee Young can be reached at (703)308-2572.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gary E. Elkins".

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